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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN CRITICIZES DIEGO GARCIA

DECISION; SAYS SUB-COMMISSIONS SHOULD FUNCTION

1. ASKED ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS
ON DIEGO GARCIA, MINEXTAFF Y.B. CHAVAN TOLD IMPROMPTU
PRESS CONFERENCE AT DELHI AIRPORT HE HAD NOT YET FULLY
READ MR. FORD'S MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT "EXPANSION, STRENGTHENING
AND ACQUIRING OF MILITARY BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN IS NOT
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IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE." CHAVAN SAID, "WE HAVE

EXPLAINED OUR POSITION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN VERY CLEARLY
AND CATEGORICALLY THAT WE WANT TI TO REMAIN AS A ZONE
OF PEACE."

2. WIRESERVICE REPORTS SAID CHAVAN DECLINED TO COMMENT
ON THE SECRETARY'S OBSERVATION ON THE INDIAN NUCLEAR
EXPLOSION (STATE 110780) AT ST. LOUIS. IN RESPONSE TO
A QUESTION ON THE REVIVAL OF THE INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION
CHAVAN SAID HE STATED IN NEW YORK THAT AT LEAST THE
SUB-COMMISSIONS SHOULD WORK. PTI QUOTED THE MINISTER,
"LET THE PROPER TIME COME FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION."

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